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Redondo Police Shakeup Looms

Dismissal of Two Cops Will Be Followed By Probe

REDONDO BEACH.—Following the action of the city trustees of Redondo Beach at their meeting last evening, when Police Officers Smith and Coogan were dismissed, it was learned this morning that a rigid inquiry into the reasons for their dismissal will be instigated by certain people who are not satisfied with the reasons given, and who claim to have startling evidence pertaining to the manner in which the police department has been operating for the past 12 months.

It is also rumored that the inquiry will bring into prominence several of the "higher-ups" who are reputed to have been involved in several transactions concerning the police department and its workings.

When interviewed today, former Officer Smith and Coogan were highly incensed over the treatment they had received, and both said they had always performed their duty in the best interests of the citizens of Redondo Beach while on the police force, and that as far as they could ascertain, no definite reasons had been given for their dismissal, except in the case of Smith, who stated that he had been told the reason for his letting out was because he was renting an apartment from former Chief of Police J. V. Henry.

Hermosa City Atty. Resigns His Office

HERMOSA BEACH.—Due to his appointment by the State Judicial Council on the municipal court bench for a year, City Attorney T. W. Marchant resigned his position at Tuesday night's council meeting. All the members of the board expressed much regret at the resignation but stated that under the circumstances they could not do otherwise than accept the resignation and wish Judge Marchant every success in his judicial promotion. Mr. Marchant will remain as city judge of Hermosa.

Art Smith was named to succeed Judge Marchant as city attorney and he took his place at the table with the retiring attorney.

Talk about values. Read the 22 Super-Specials this week.

GOLF PRO GIVES BLOOD

INGLEWOOD.—Larry Kelly, professional instructor of the Potrero country club, is scheduled to give a quart of his blood to his three-year-old son, Larry Junior, to aid in the child's fight for life at the Children's hospital in Los Angeles this afternoon. The little boy has been lying in bed since November, suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy, which developed from a case of influenza. Two operations have been performed in order to relieve the inflammation in the lining of the lungs. All this time the little boy has been making a gallant fight for life, but his resistance is gradually wearing down.

Protest on Pier Charges Fraud

Redondo Beach Taxpayers Ask Job Be Rejected by City

REDONDO BEACH.—Another protest filed today against the acceptance of the Redondo city pier, charges fraud on the part of the builders.

The protest is signed by several of the heaviest taxpayers of the city.

A part of it wherein fraud is charged reads as follows: "That said work has been fraudulently performed in that the contractor engaged in the performance of the work and his representatives intentionally omitted important items of the work resulting in an attempt to foist on the public and on the property owners to be assessed an inferior and imperfect work. These omissions could not have resulted by any mistake or oversight but are so flagrant that it would only have occurred with an intention of purposely constructing an inferior work and thereby defrauding the public."

For ideas in beautiful homes, see the pictures each week on the Real Estate and Builders' Page of this paper.

Women's Club Organized By Keystone Folk

Thirty-one Join as Charter Members; Mrs. E. H. Poole, President

KEYSTONE, Jan. 31.—With thirty-one names on its charter roll a Woman's Club was organized here on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Poole, electing Mrs. Poole as president. Chosen to the executive board were Mrs. Charles LeBoeuf, first vice-president; Mrs. J. D. Tipton, second vice-president; Mrs. George Nahmens, recording secretary; Mrs. S. S. Tannehill, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Koehler, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Phillips, auditor; Mrs. Earl Strong, ways and means chairman.

Mrs. William Fluss, past president of the Davidson City Woman's Club, presided and conducted organization proceedings. A delicious spread was served at the meeting. A long table adorned with bowls of sweet peas and potted azaleas by the ladies at noon.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. John Stearns Thayer, federation secretary, spoke on the various phases of club work. It was regretted that Mrs. Thomas Squires of Long Beach could not be present to speak on business and protective law. It was decided that the aim of this club would be social and protective law and business and civic welfare. The charter roll will be open for initial members until Feb. 13 and no initiation fee will be charged for charter members.

Becoming members were Mrs. J. S. Sleppy, Mrs. Charles LeBoeuf, Mrs. Thomas A. Cowan, Mrs. Barbara Berry, Mrs. E. H. Poole, Mrs. S. S. Tannehill, Mrs. H. W. Orlick, Mrs. Charles M. Forrest, Mrs. Elizabeth Howe, Mrs. E. K. Stevens, Mrs. George Nahmens, Mrs. Charles H. Pierce, Mrs. S. A. Stevens, Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mrs. Robert Hull, Mrs. Pernia Piper, Mrs. Z. W. Jennings, Mrs. William Looser, Mrs. Orl Red, Mrs. C. W. Cook, Mrs. Ernest Martin, Mrs. George Koehler, Mrs. Earl Strong, Mrs. George Tomlin, Mrs. Patrick F. Sheehan, Mrs. J. D. Tipton, Mrs. E. P. Howe, Mrs. I. M. Fellows, Mrs. Louis Jones, Mrs. George H. Sapp, Mrs. M. E. Nidever.

Big Companies Rush Work in Race To Oil Sand in Lawndale Field; Three Drills at 3000 Foot Depth

LAWDALE.—The race for oil in the Lawndale field is now in full swing. Excavations for derrick of Hall Petroleum Corporation well No. 9, at the southwest corner of McKay avenue and Sixth street, lot 27, Tract 6578, was made this week and derrick will go up as soon as the material arrives, which is expected today. The company is building a field office on the adjoining lot.

Derrick is now under construction for the Western Oil and Refining company, at the corner of Ingewood and Dale avenues. This is on a one-and-one-quarter acre lease.

Just south of the above location the Jimco Oil company is placing material for a derrick. The Jimco has four wells at Signal Hill. Steel derrick for Shell Peck No. 1 is being built just west of the Santa Fe railway tracks, on Chicago avenue, where the Shell Oil Co. has acquired twenty-five acres of the Peck ranch.

So far the Richfield Oil company has the farthest north lease where there is activity. The Richfield has begun the construction of a derrick, about 400 feet north of Ballona avenue, and west of Ingewood-Redondo road, on the Woods lease. This well will be designated as Woods No. 1. The field has 400 acres in that locality.

The Mohawk Petroleum company, which has leased the east eighty acres of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Tp. 3, Range 14-W, corner of Center street and Ingewood avenue, known as the Redondo Villa Development tract, has started work on its first well on this lease, has locations for three more and will drill eight in all, according to present plans of the company.

The development of this tract is looked forward to to open up that portion of the Lawndale structure which was drilled when the old Winn well was in operation. The Winn well had fine showings at 5557 feet when it ceased operations, January 29, 1925.

The contract for drilling the Mohawk wells has been let to Whiston and Son, who have recently been successfully operating in the Santa Fe Springs field.

According to official record this lease was taken in August of last year and a bonus of \$400 per acre was paid, making a total of \$32,000. The Shell Oil company has taken the west half of the quarter section, and it is understood will start developments soon. The Shell already has four locations in the Lawndale field, according to report.

Alfred L. Marsten, former Coalinga and Santa Fe Springs operator, is the "big man" of the Mohawk company.

F. M. McMahon, who has established an office at 15802 Ingewood avenue, had a geological survey made of the Mohawk's holding about two years ago and is very enthusiastic about this section of the field. He will shortly have associated with him former governor, O. H. Shoup of Colorado. Governor Shoup and Mr. McMahon have been doing business together for a number of years, and it is said the former cleaned up millions of dollars in Wyoming and Texas oil fields quite recently.

Work started Tuesday on derrick for the St. Helena Petroleum Co., on the Smith lease of one acre, between Dale and Marshall avenues on Sixth and Market.

The Hancock Oil company has made excavation for derrick on its 5, Tp. 35, just east of Redondo Villa

Oil Drills Will Bore Ingewood

Tests in City Proper Seen as Community Leases Loom

INGLEWOOD.—Property owners in the block bounded by Flower, Kelso, Nutwood and Osage streets banded together at the meeting at the Kelso street school last night for the purpose of forming a community oil lease so that a test may be made with a single well and to protect residents against property destruction through competitive drilling.

C. W. Schouboe of 513 South Osage street was chairman of the meeting. He called the property owners together at their own request.

Numerous property owners from territory outside of the block directly affected were interested observers at the gathering.

It is reported that understanding and good will were the order of the evening, rather than the usual wrangling associated with oil dealings.

Although no definite leasing activity was reported, it was agreed that all overtures made by oil companies would be reported to a central committee and that an effort would be made to secure a reputable firm to take a community lease in the block.

It was the expressed opinion of more than one property owner that if a good community lease could be secured it would be to the advantage of all concerned. Residents in the district might then stay in their homes while a single test well would be put down, it was said, and no one will be left out in the cold with valueless property if drilling starts.

Actual drilling operations are expected to be under way in about three days, according to a report from the company office today. A technical spud-in was made yesterday when the bit went down about six feet.

The crew has not yet assembled, and certain tools, which are being made in the shops, have not yet been completed.

Three more wells for the Lawndale field were started yesterday, bringing the total up to forty-eight. The Hancock Oil company has started a cellar for its second well at Market and Sixth street, the Mohawk Oil company is building a rig at Ingewood and Rosecrans avenues, while the Western Oil company has taken out a new location on Lot No. 1, tract 6578.

The Community No. 1 well was reported to be down 3500 feet today, and coring frequently. No further showings have been announced.

Pier at Redondo Opened to Public

REDONDO BEACH.—With Councilmen Hoyt and Huff voting "No" the new municipal pier was accepted Monday night by the Redondo Beach Council with a vote of three to two. The pier was reopened today.

The vote came after more than three hours of questioning and cross examination in which a crowd that packed the small auditorium of the Redondo city hall to suffocation remained interested throughout the proceedings.

New Spring Millinery has arrived at Eby's at after Easter prices. —Adv.

COMPTON TREE PLAN

COMPTON.—Compton will be one of the most beautiful cities in all the Southland when the tree planting campaign here has been finished and a few years' growth has added to the beauty of the trees.

Just a glimpse at the recommendations of the county horticultural department which has been studying the soil of Compton, preparatory to the planting of trees here, indicates great majestic avenues of eucalyptus, flowering eucalyptus, stately sycamores and live oaks and royal avocados of huge palms gracing the city.

A recommendation as to what trees to plant has been made to City Engineer Glen Root. The city park and tree commission, however, will make the final decision after a deep study of the problems in other towns.

Just a glimpse of the gorgeous beauty of the town ten years from now is obtainable by looking at the map.

Mines Field Ready Soon, Says Director

INGLEWOOD.—Mines field will be ready for business in about nine weeks, according to Clifford W. Henderson, director of Los Angeles airports, who presented a complete plan for the improvement of the field to the city council yesterday.

Although the field will be ready for business soon it will be two or three years before the present inclosure plan, in completed, Henderson pointed out.

An expenditure of approximately \$1,250,000 is called for in Henderson's report to the Los Angeles city council. Landing lanes in eight wind directions will be constructed, according to the plan. Areas will be set off for industrial use, flying schools, private hangars, aircraft distributors, a hotel, restaurant club rooms ticket offices, transport companies and commercial aviation in general.

Foundations for the first two hangars have been completed, and the contract let for the upper iron structure.

Ramage Battle In New Tangle

People Will Tell Councilmen To Recover Lawyer's Fees

HAWTHORNE.—Following the failure of the recent effort to recall Councilman Robert C. Ramage, the Hawthorne Taxpayers Protective association are preparing to take up the cudgels of battle against three members of the Hawthorne city council and will file a complaint in superior court seeking an order to compel Councilmen Ramage, Frank Fraser and Frank Breen to return to the city treasury all funds which were voted by them to pay attorneys' fees and other expenses in contesting the recent Ramage recall mandamus.

The complaint will be filed early next week, according to present plans. Proceedings for the action are found in a December decision of the appellate court of a case originating in South San Francisco, where the action of certain city officials in refusing to pay for expenses out of city funds for the contesting of a recall election was upheld, and the payment of such expenses was declared illegal. This is directly contrary to Judge Walter S. Gates' decision in the lower court in the Ramage case here, and the Gates decision is reversed by the one originating in South San Francisco.

The complaint involves between \$1200 and \$1400 in money paid principally to Attorneys Louis Greenbaum and L. B. Malloy in the Ramage recall mandamus. The three councilmen were the ones to vote to employ the attorneys in the name of the city for that case, and voted to pay the money. They will be sued as individuals for the payment of the money, and in the event the organization backing the suit wins the case, there is probability of further action against the three councilmen with reference to their official positions.

Just what form action against the official positions of the three councilmen under fire will take has not been decided by the Taxpayers Protective association, but at a meeting held Wednesday evening a committee of six was appointed to sound out the sentiment of the people with reference to starting action to recall them.

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